

REMARKS:

The previous claims have been cancelled and new claims added in an effort to more clearly recite applicant's invention. More specifically, new independent claim 14 positively recites a modularly assembled gas turbine having a plurality of individually pressure-tight modules. Furthermore, it is recited that each of the modules has a pressure-tight side wall that is interconnected between the respective outer housing and inner wall of the module and that each of these pressure-tight side wall has an outer circumference that forms a flange that is bolt-connected to the respective outer housing of the module in sealing engagement therewith. Further still, it is recited that the outer circumferential flange of at least one of the pressure-tight side walls is bolt-connected between the outer housings of two adjacent modules. In this manner, a seal packing is formed between the two respective outer housings in an assembled configuration of the gas turbine. This provides the beneficial characteristic that an exterior portion of the seal packing remains visible exteriorly of the assembled gas turbine so that after assembly, visual confirmation (inspection) of the seal packing's orientation between the outer housings in the assembled configuration of the gas turbine is enabled.

It is respectfully asserted that the invention as now-claimed is not disclosed, suggested or taught in any reference of record, nor any appropriate combination thereof - and therefore the claims are respectfully asserted as being allowable.

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The undersigned representative requests any extension of time that may be deemed necessary to further the prosecution of this application.

The undersigned representative authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 14-1437, Order No. 07589.0141.PCUS00.

In order to facilitate the resolution of any issues or questions presented by this paper, the Examiner should directly contact the undersigned by phone to further the discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

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